

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

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February 5, 2020

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 180B, Council of Youth, by refining the composition of the membership.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That:

**180B.02 ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION**

~~The Council of Youth shall consist of seven members (7), appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. In addition, there shall be five students representing the city's high schools on the board, appointed by their respective schools. The Mayor shall appoint the Chairperson of the board with the approval of council. One member of council shall serve on the board as an ex officio member.~~

The Council of Youth shall consist of thirteen members appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council. Five members shall be adults and be representative of youth organizations, interests or advocacy. One member shall be a representative from the Allentown School Board. Six (6) members on the board shall represent youth and be no older than 21 years of age. Recommendations can be made to the Mayor by any person, body or organization. The Mayor shall appoint the Chairperson of the board with the approval of council. One member of city council and one Lehigh County Commissioner may serve as a non-voting member of the committee. The Mayor shall designate staff support for the Council of Youth.

Duly appointed members shall serve a term of four (4) years, except that initial appointments shall be so staggered that the terms of the membership shall expire each year. On the initial appointments two members shall serve for four years, two for three years, two for two years and one member for one year. Students/Youth shall serve for one-year terms.

Members of the Board must represent a youth advocacy organization ~~or be current students in the city school system.~~

~~The board must contain members from the east side, south side, center city, and west end of the city as so determined by Council in the approval process.~~

Council and the Mayor shall make every effort to ensure the board reflects the cultural and geographic diversity of the city.

The board shall meet bi-monthly or on an as needed basis – having at least four meetings a year - with additional meetings as determined by the board. All meetings shall be advertised and open to the public.

The Board Members and city staff shall have the appropriate clearances needed for dealing with youth.

The Board shall develop and approve their by-laws which shall be approved by Council by resolution.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.